

REMARKS

This AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 is filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action of August 26, 2003, and is believed to prima facie place this case in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

The Final Rejection of August 26, 2003 allowed claims 1, 4, 5 and 16 and rejected claim 3. Claims 6-15 are withdrawn.

The present AMENDMENT cancels rejected claim 3, claims 6-15 which were withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement, and claims 17-19 which were dependent on rejected claim 3, leaving only allowed claims 1, 4, 5 and 16, as claim 2 had previously been cancelled.

A divisional application will be filed on nonelected claims 6-15.

Accordingly, entry of the present AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

This application is now believed to be prima facie in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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